

# TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

*"The Church by the Side of the Road"*

**Fully accessible for people with physical disabilities**

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## **"The Mission of Topsail United Church is:**

- To offer to all the opportunity to come to know God as revealed in Jesus Christ;
- To grow in faith through worship, study and prayer;
- To care for each other and all of God's creation; and
- To encourage and empower each other to use our talents within the Church."
- **Ministers:** **The Congregation**
- **Clergy:** **Rev. Bruce Kearley**
- **Congregational Designated Minister:** **Steven Rogers**
- **Office Manager:** **Lynn Mercer**
- **Caretaker:** **Roger Richards**
- **Youth Band Director:** **Brett Vey,**
- **Vocal Director:** **Rosalind Foley**
- **Children's Choir Accompanist:** **Andrea Deacy**
- **Musical Ensembles:** **Children's Choir, Youth Band,**
- **Rhythm Band**

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***April 21, 2013***

## **SERVICE NOTE**

***WELCOME!*** *As we celebrate Earth Sunday, we "[find] ourselves in a world of beauty and mystery, of living things, diverse and interdependent, of complex patterns of growth and evolution, of subatomic particles and cosmic swirls,[and] we sing of God the Creator, the Maker and Source of all that is." (Excerpt: A Song of Faith, The United Church of Canada)*

## ***WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE***

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "Draw the Circle Wide"

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive – Aaron Butler)

**One:** Listen for the song of the silver birch

**All:** **We hear the voice of God**

**One:** Watch for the trout swimming in the water

**All:** **We see the Spirit moving**

**One:** Taste the bannock from the fire

**All:** **We taste the bread broken by Christ beside the lake**

**One:** Behold the wondrous creation! Let us worship God!

## CONGREGATION SINGS:

*I see the whole world in God's hands  
I see the whole wide world in God's hands  
I see the whole world in God's hands  
I see the whole world in God's hands*

*I see the tiny little babies in God's hands...*

*{refrain}*

*I see the mothers and the fathers in God's hands...*

*{refrain}*

*I see the brothers and the sisters in God's hands...*

*{refrain}*

## WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

**HYMN:** [insert] "Called by Earth and Sky"

### **TALK TIME**

**MUSICAL PRESENTATION:** "We are the World"

## SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 65: 1-13 (Logan Power)

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Mark 4: 1-9 (Nicholas Wells)

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**ANTHEM:** "O Great Earth"

**BLESSING OF THE SEEDS, SOIL, AND WATERS:** [insert]

**HYMN:** #297 "All Praise to You (Stewards of Earth)"

**OFFERTORY:** "A March" (Rhythm Band)

## **PRESENTATION OF OFFERING:**

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away  
Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more  
It's just like a magic penny, hold on tight and you won't have any  
Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many – they'll roll all over the floor!  
Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away  
Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN:** [insert] "O Beautiful Gaia"

## **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**All:** As we stand in the midst of God's creation, under a tree with the birds and caterpillars, may we recognize some of the mystery and wonder and awe of God, not only there, but also in us and in this thing called a community of faith, and take it with us into the week that is before us, so that others may also come to know some of the mystery, the wonder, and awe of God in their lives too.

**One:** And may the Creator within you and around you, above you and below you, bless and keep you, both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "Go Now in Peace"

## **MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

### **TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

Today's bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God and donated

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*In memory of loved ones by Ken and Doreen Cave*

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